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EXAMINERS AMENDMENT AND COMMENT

Although it is the examiner's opinion that this amendment is perhaps unnecessary, nevertheless, in the interests of compact prosecution and to expedite issuance of the case, the following examiner's amendment is set forth in response to After Final Amendment (proposing new claim 27) filed 2/10/2006, said amendment not entered via Advisory Action mailed 3/1/2006.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Monplaisir Hamilton on April 28, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claim 27.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Bashore whose telephone number is (571)272-4088. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am - 5:30 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William L. Bashore can be reached on (571) 272-4088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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